

## Pre-Groupie Time

Remind people to pray and update the journal.  
Give praise reports and updates.  
Follow up with your group midweek.

## Icebreaker

What has been your favorite hotel/motel to stay in? If you haven't, where would you like to stay some day?

## Scripture

Luke 10:25-37 - Not Just a Hospital

Ephesians 1:3-10 - Selected and Blessed

## Discussion

In Luke 10, we find a religious leader verbally sparring with Jesus. His ulterior motives for asking “who is my neighbor” revealed his heart for helping others: it was cold and distant. So Jesus told a culturally outrageous story to make a point we all need to understand:

- How would you have reacted when coming upon the robbed and bloodied man?
- The priest and the Levite crossed to the other side instead of helping. What excuses to not help do you think they told themselves as they walked by?
  - Have you ever passed by someone who was in need (food, injury, struggling, etc.)?
    - What “reasons” did you give yourself to justify not helping?
    - Who did the religious leader say was the neighbor in verses 36 & 37?
    - Did the bloodied man earn the assistance he received from the Samaritan? What does that mean when we encounter those who need help?

Never asking us to do something He didn't model first, Jesus showed us how to give grace, mercy, and love to one another.

- Reading Ephesians 1:3-10, discuss how Jesus shows “Samaritan love” to us.
  - Who in your life right now needs the help that you can provide?
  - What will you do to help? (examples: meals, money, conversation, house/yard work...the sky's the limit)
  - How can we (the group) get behind and support you as you help others?
  - Who can we help together?
  - When will we do it?

Timmy's Sunday message focused on foster care for children. If you would like to learn more about that, visit [www.oregon.gov/DHS/Children/fostercare/](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/Children/fostercare/)

## Pre-Groupie Time

Read the scripture and discussion topics.  
Pray for your meeting and group.  
Be the first to smile!

## Summary

Families come in all shapes and sizes. How you enter a family has less to do with what you did, and more to do with what someone else did. We have an opportunity to enter God's family not through our efforts but through Christ's. So how can we foster a similar relationship with others?

Week 6

“Fostering Relationships”

Timmy Rotter

# We Are Family